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## AWFUL SLAUGHTER INFLECTED UPON JAPS

Shot and Cut Down in a Pass---Russians at Port Arthur Comfortable.

Gen. Stoessel Claims They Have Plenty of Food and are Cheerful.

### RUSSIAN SHIPS ABOUT PORT BADLY DAMAGED

Mukden, Dec. 6.—There is a persistent rumor that the Japanese sent to turn Rennenkampff's flank have been repulsed with great loss. The story is not officially confirmed, but details are given with great circumstantiality. It is stated that Rennenkampff, who knew the movement was maturing, awaited the Japanese at the mouth of one of the captured passes, and the Japanese turning force threw themselves unsuspectingly into the ambushade, where, after the fight, the Russians collected 599 Japanese corpses. It is added there were 1,000 more Japanese corpses which it had been impossible to collect, owing to fire of the Japanese. This does not include the Japanese loss in wounded. The Russian loss, according to this account, was only thirty or forty men.

Heavy Losses at "Lone Tree" Hill. Mukden, Dec. 6.—On the night of Dec. 2 the Japanese began a heavy artillery fire on Poutloff (Lone Tree) Hill, paving the way for an infantry attack. The Russian artillery answered vigorously for several hours and then slackened. The Japanese, imagining the Russian fire slackened, flung themselves in masses against the trenches, where they were met with a withering volley, and countercharge with bayonets. The Japanese fled, having sustained enormous losses.

The attack by the Japanese on Poutloff Hill December 2nd, was probably due in part to a wish to distract attention from the sapper operations on a neighboring hill, near Shakhoe; but these operations were discovered and repulsed and the Japanese fled. On the night of November 30, Capt. Alexander, with thirty men, routed a force of fifty Japanese by a surprise attack on the trenches. The same night volunteers under Lieut. Vedeska, surrounded and wiped out twenty-five Japanese near Tungou. This led to a hand-to-hand fight in the Japanese underground trenches, where twenty more Japanese were bayoneted. The Russians lost severely in this fight, a number being caught in the wire entanglements. Altogether ten Russians were killed and fourteen wounded.

#### Firing Continues.

London, Dec. 6.—A dispatch from Chefoo to the Telegraph says: "Heavy firing continues at Port Arthur. The Japanese are making most determined, and persistent effort to capture the northern forts."

#### Damaged Russian Fleets.

Tokio, Dec. 6.—It is reported that the Japanese bombardment against the fleet at Port Arthur is proceeding effectively.

On Sunday evening two or three Russian ships were fired and burned in half an hour. Their names and extent of damage done is not known. It is generally believed that the Russian fleet must either make an early sortie or suffer irreparable damage.

#### Ready for the Baltic.

Chefoo, Dec. 6.—Japanese preparedness for an encounter with the Russian second Pacific squadron was witnessed by the officers of the French steamer Binh-Thuan, which left Japan Nov. 30 and arrived here today.

Near Sasebo they saw the Japanese battleship Mikasa unscathed evidently fully repaired and painted Forty miles south of the Shan-Tung promontory the officers of the Binh-Thuan sighted the Japanese battleship Asahi similarly rehabilitated. The repair work on the Japanese fleet has been progressing with great secrecy since August.

The torpedo boat and destroyer flotilla is reported to have been

maintained in good shape. The boats are mostly at the Japanese naval base and at Dainy.

#### Japan Calls for Volunteers.

Tokio, Dec. 6.—An Imperial ordinance was issued today calling for officers from officers and men whose time have expired, to join companies. It is said the order will meet with a hearty response. So many officers have been killed that their places are being filled with non-commissioned officers.

#### 104 Became Insane.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—The fact became known today that during November a hundred and four soldiers were driven mad by the horrors of war and the privations which they had undergone. The cases are nearly all incurable.

#### Czar Receives a Report.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—A report has been received by the czar from Gen. Sakharoff. Its most important feature is the statement that no engagements occurred Sunday. This news contradicts the unofficial reports that Gen. Rennenkampff Sunday gained a signal victory over the Japanese forces sent to turn the Russian flank. Some newspapers insist however that the reported slaughter of Japanese occurred at the mouth of one of the captured passes, the only error being in the date of the battle.

#### Troops at Port Arthur Comfortable.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—Another dispatch from Gen. Sakharoff says the condition of his soldiers is splendid, and despite the intense cold at night they suffer little, owing to the fact that their earth huts afford complete shelter, which is comfortable and warm. Clothing and food, the general says, are plentiful and the troops are in excellent spirits.

#### Jap Ambuscade Failed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—The Mukden correspondent of the Russian Rifle, reports that Japanese had carefully prepared an ambuscade, for the Russian force detached to reinforce the right flank. The correspondent reports that the Russians awaited the approach of the Japanese in the shelter of a narrow pass and fell upon them. A thousand Japanese were left on the field.

#### A Rumor Confirmed.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 6.—A dispatch has been received confirming the earlier reports of the failure of the recent attempt of the Japanese to capture Lone Tree Hill. They were repulsed with considerable loss.

#### USUAL RESULT.

#### French Duel Fought Today Without Bloodshed.

Paris, Dec. 6.—Deputy Jares, the socialist leader, and Paul Deroulede, who has been in political exile since his participation in the plot to overthrow the government, fought a duel at Hendaye today.

Two shots were exchanged, but neither was hurt. The duel grew out of the agitation of students, resulting from alleged insulting remarks about Joan of Arc.

#### MESSAGE READ.

#### The President's Proclamation Delivered to Congress.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—Ten minutes before noon today Secretary Barnes and two assistants left the White House in a carriage for the capitol, bearing two handsomely printed parchment copies of the president's message. Immediately on their arrival the message was read in both houses.

## MR. CARNEGIE SAYS HE SIGNED NOTHING

Denies That He Knows Mrs. Chadwick.

K. of P. Age Limit May Be 18 Years—Official Total Fair Attendance.

#### LA JOIE CHAMPION BATTER.

New York, Dec. 6.—Andrew Carnegie was shown a copy of the dispatch from Cleveland in which District Attorney Sullivan of that city is quoted as saying he had recently in his possession a note for \$250,000 signed by Carnegie's name and endorsed on the back "C. L. Chadwick." His secretary gave out this statement for Mr. Carnegie:

"Mr. Carnegie says it is years since he has given a note of any kind or has endorsed any note. He says there are no notes in his name outstanding at present."

The secretary further stated Carnegie had no knowledge of Mrs. Chadwick.

Oberlin, O., Dec. 6.—President Beckwith, of the Oberlin bank, was admitted to bail late last night and is at home, today broken-hearted. He said this morning, with tears in his eyes, "That woman swore to Spear and I that the signature of Andrew Carnegie was genuine. There were three of these notes, two for half million each, and one for a quarter of a million."

#### To Ask Carnegie.

New York, Dec. 6.—Receiver Lyons, of the Oberlin bank, arrived here this morning and it is said will visit Andrew Carnegie and lay before him the notes for half and quarter of a million dollars, bearing his signature, and given the Oberlin bank by Mrs. Chadwick. If Carnegie declares the signatures a forgery, legal proceedings will be instituted against Mrs. Chadwick.

#### La Joie the Boy.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—The American league has announced the batting averages. La Joie, of Cleveland, led, with an average of .381. Cleveland also finished in first place for club batting, having an average of .263.

#### Won On a Foul.

Chicago, Dec. 6.—Jack Root, of Chicago, was given the decision on a foul over John Wille in the fifth round last night.

#### World's Fair Attendance.

St. Louis, Dec. 6.—Official figures for the attendance at the world's fair were made public today. The total was 18,741,073, that of closing day, Dec. 1, 203,101.

#### K. P. Age Limit.

Richmond, Ind., Dec. 6.—Supreme Chancellor Shively, of the Knights of Pythias, has approved the action of the supreme body in fixing eighteen years as the minimum age limit and the amendment will go to the grand lodges for ratifications.

#### THE SMOOT CASE

Will Be Resumed on December 12—Twenty New Witnesses. From Utah Summoned.

Washington, Dec. 6.—Senator Burrows, chairman of the committee on privileges and elections, has issued subpoenas for twenty witnesses in the Senator Smoot investigation and has fixed December 12 as the date for their appearance before the committee. Nearly all these witnesses are in Utah.

#### Killed While Hunting.

Stithon, Ky., Dec. 6.—Henry Nevitt, son of Ed. Nevitt, a well-known farmer near this place, accidentally shot himself while hunting rabbits near his father's home, and died in less than an hour. The boy was only about fourteen years of age.

#### Leaves Five Children.

Hopkinsville, Ky., Dec. 6.—Mrs. Lillian Gregory, widow of Monroe Gregory, died suddenly at Church Hill, of heart trouble. She was forty years old and leaves five small children.

## CAPT. JAMES F. CROW THE NEW CORONER

Was Appointed Today by Judge Lightfoot.

He Will Inaugurate Reforms, and Bury the County's Pauper Dead Himself.

#### CAPT. CROW A CAPABLE MAN

Captain James F. Crow was this morning appointed coroner of McCracken county to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Coroner Wm. Peal several weeks ago. The appointment was tipped yesterday in The Sun, but it was not made by County Judge Lightfoot, who was too busy yesterday, until today.

This forenoon Captain Crow received his official appointment and gave bond, and is now the coroner until next January, a year, at which time the coroner to be regularly elected next November will assume the duties of office.

Captain Crow stated this morning relative to the requirements of his office: "I am to be coroner and to attend to the burial of the paupers of the county. If you will remember the fiscal board decided that the price of \$10 was too much for the burial of a pauper corpse, and the local undertakers refused to touch a body for less than this amount. The matter was referred to a committee to investigate and secure a carpenter to make the coffins in which to bury the bodies, but nothing has ever been done about it. I have rented me a place near home, in the Warner veterinary stable, and will make my own coffins, being a carpenter, and will have a credit of \$7 each for every coffin I make for the burial of paupers. This is the lowest bid placed by any one. I will take my dead to this place and look after the burial myself."

Captain Crow, because of his fitness for the place, and formerly being a carpenter and willing to take the office at the multiplied duties, was considered the best man possible for the place. He is having his office in the Warner stables fitted out and will enter into the duties of coroner as soon as he is officially appointed.

Soon after the committee was appointed by the board to look after the manufacture of coffins, lumber was purchased and sent to the court house, but has never been touched. The county will not buy the lumber. Capt. Crow is to do this himself. He will also look after every detail of the work. It is expected that this economical step will save much for the county.

Captain Crow promises to inaugurate some needed reforms in the discharge of his duties as coroner. Heretofore scores of bodies have been buried in this county without any sort of official investigation, simply to save some one's feelings, or to keep from incurring notoriety. Cases that would have justified and received the most exhaustive inquiry in the big cities, where every case, no matter whom it affects or whom it exposes to public scrutiny or disgrace, is thoroughly investigated, have in Paducah been ignored. Men are killed by cars and die in other ways and no inquest held in a great many cases but Capt. Crow says that it will now stop. That there will be an inquest in every case of violent death or death resulting indirectly from violence, accident, poison, and such things.

Capt. Crow is not only a capable man, but a popular one as well, and the forecast in yesterday's Sun that he would be appointed today was well received by the public.

#### Attempted Suicide.

Adairville, Ky., Dec. 6.—John Benton, who resides about three miles from this place, went to his stock barn, threw a halter over a joist after he had tied it around his neck, and jumped off. When found he was unconscious, but was revived.

—Mrs. W. C. Schofield's beautiful solo at the Elks' memorial services at The Kentucky theater Sunday was unintentionally omitted in yesterday's report of the exercises. It was one of the best features of the afternoon.

## NEW TRIAL GRANTED CALEB POWERS TODAY

Court of Appeals Reverses Case for the Third Time.

The Decision Held up for Several Days, But Was Not Unexpected.

### POWERS HAD BEEN SENTENCED TO HANG

Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 6.—The court of appeals this morning granted Caleb Powers, thrice convicted of conspiracy and accessory in the Goebel murder case, a new trial, by reversing the case taken up from the lower court. The decision was not unexpected, as it had been known for some time by those on the inside that the court had decided on it.

The reversal today is the third rebuke by the appellate court to the Democrats of Kentucky in their persecution of Caleb Powers, former secretary of state.

At the first two trials he was sentenced to life imprisonment, and at the last was tried before Judge Joe Robbins, of Mayfield, Ky., reputed to be a staunch Goebel man, and given a death sentence.

He took an appeal, friends kindly coming to the rescue with sufficient funds to pay the costs, and Justice and Right gain another victory by today's decision.

The Powers case is one of the most celebrated in the annals of criminology. Caleb Powers was elected secretary of state by the people of Kentucky at the time Goebel was a candidate for governor. During the excitement at Frankfort, incident to the notable contest which culminated in the assassination of Senator Goebel, Powers assisted in raising an army of mountaineers to go to Frankfort and protest. Many of them were armed, as it was their custom to go so all the time and although they were there some time, no one was hurt. The killing of Senator Goebel took place after they had gone, but Caleb Powers, along with others, was arrested, and has since been relentlessly persecuted, although he was not in Frankfort at the time of the killing.

His office was stolen from him and he was tried before a hostile judge and a jury that had been picked exclusively from Goebel men. Much of the evidence against him was perjury, and had since been so proven. He was convicted and sentenced to the penitentiary for life, but took an appeal, and the court of appeals reversed. In the course of time he was again tried, and the same sort of methods prevailed and he was again convicted and sentenced for life.

He again took an appeal, and the court of appeals granted him a new trial. At the third trial Judge J. E. Robbins, of Mayfield, presided, and there was another conviction, this time the death sentence being imposed, as the Democrats had played their hand pretty strong. One of the features of the last trial was Powers' speech to the jury, which was a masterpiece, and has since had a large sale all over the world. It helped him get enough money to keep up his fight for life and liberty.

He promptly appealed to the court of appeals again, and today was granted another new trial. This will make his fourth trial, and as the eyes of the whole country will be on it, it will doubtless be a memorable one.

Since the last trial Caleb Powers has stepped before the world as a political martyr such as Robert Emmet or some of the other historic victims of misdirected power. He has been ably defended in two of the largest periodicals in the United States, and the daily press has rallied around him in many instances, regardless of politics.

Former Governor Black, of New York, has volunteered free of charge his services in defending Powers in the next trial. It is understood the Democrats are alarmed at the attention their merciless persecution has attracted and are about ready to stop, and that they were as anxious as anyone else for a reversal of the Powers case this last time, fearing to assume the responsibility of

hanging him. No arrangements have yet been made for Powers' next trial. It may come up at the January term of court, but will hardly be tried then.

#### CONDUCTOR DIES.

Mr. J. W. Wimple, of Oklahoma, Victim of Typhoid.

J. W. Wimple, of 1013 Madison street, died of typhoid fever this morning at 1 o'clock after an illness of one week.

Wimple was married and leaves besides a wife, three sons and two daughters. He was 46 years of age and came here six weeks ago from Chickasaw, Oklahoma. The remains will be shipped to Oklahoma for burial tomorrow morning at 3 o'clock. The deceased was a railroad conductor and had been given employment on the Paducah and Tennessee districts of the I. C.

#### DOCTORS MEET.

Dr. Bass Will Entertain Medicos and Read a Paper.

The McCracken County Medical society will meet tomorrow night with Dr. Johnston Bass.

It is expected there will be a large attendance as this will be the second meeting in the city since the spring meetings were declared off. The summer month meetings are held in the woods and last meeting was at the office of Dr. Coleman when the society mapped out plans for the winter. Dr. Bass will read a paper.

#### BANK BLOWN.

But Robbers Were Driven Away By Citizens.

Metamora, Mich., Dec. 6.—The Metamora bank was entered last night, and literally blown to pieces. The robbers were frightened away before the safe was opened by citizens shooting at them.

#### Marriage Announced.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Adams today announced the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Bessie E. Leech, to Dr. S. Elmer Lindley, of Sullivan, Ind. The marriage will take place at the Adams residence, 401 South Fourth street, on December the 28th.

Miss Leech is very handsome and attractive, and is popular in a large circle of friends. Dr. Lindley is a prominent professional man of Sullivan, Ind.

Both will have many congratulations from a host of friends.

—Mr. Charles R. Mason's disappearance three weeks ago is still as mysterious and hopeless as it was when first discovered. No tidings of any description have been received from him.

## TODAY'S MARKETS

	Open.	Closed.
Wheat—		
Dec. ....	1.11½	1.10½
May ....	1.13½	1.13½
Corn—		
Dec. ....	46½	46
May ....	44½	44½
Oats—		
Dec. ....	28½	28½
May ....	30½	30½
Pork—		
Jan. ....	12.77	12.62
Cotton—		
Dec. ....	7.50	7.50
Jan. ....	7.50	7.58
Mar. ....	7.73	7.73
May ....	7.86	7.82
Stocks—		
I. C. ....	1.57	1.56½
L. & N. ....	1.45½	1.44½